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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H7-199149, published August 4, 1995.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H8-234161, published September 13, 1996.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H6-222360, published August 12, 1994.

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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H9-90909, published April 4, 1997.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H9-304794, published November 28, 1997.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

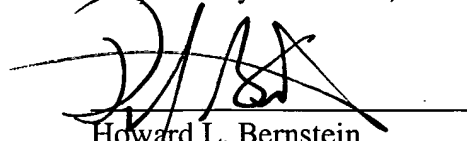
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated July 29, 2003 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Claims: 1, 5 and 8

Cited Literature: 1

See page 4, paragraphs 26 through 30 and page 5, paragraphs 38 and 39.

Claims: 2

Cited Literature: 1 and 2

See Cited Literature 2, page 4, paragraph 15.

Claims: 3 and 6

Cited Literature: 1 and 2

See Cited Literature 1, especially paragraphs 38 and 39 (regarding polarity inversion, paragraph 35).

Claim: 4

Cited Literature: 1, 2 and 3

See Cited Literature 3, page 3, paragraph 11.

Claim: 7

Cited Literature: 1, 4 and 5

Regarding OCB mode, see Cited Literature 4; regarding antiferroelectric liquid crystal exhibiting V-shaped voltage/transmittance characteristics, see Cited Literature 5, page 18, paragraph 191.

List of Cited Literature

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Claims: 1, 2, 7, 10

Cited Literature: 1, 2

“Having an interval wherein the light source is not turned on until the display image is essentially stabilized” is a well-known technical method described in Cited Reference 2, Paragraph 0011.

Claims: 3 to 6

Cited Literature: 3, 4

That which is described in Reference 3 and in Figure 2 of Reference 4 is the multiple switching of polarity within a single frame.

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3. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H6-236166
4. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-64055